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SUBJECT: SAUVAGNARGUES MAGAZINE INTERVIEW

1. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 21-27 ISSUE OF THE FRENCH WEEKLY "NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR", FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES TOUCHES ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS. ASKED BY HIS INTERLOCUTOR IF FRANCE WAS APPROACHING A REINTEGRATION, LITERAL OR SYMBOLIC, INTO NATO, SAUVAGNARGUES SAYS THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION ON THE PART OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT OF REENTERING NATO. CONCERNING FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS SAUVAGNARGUES DECLARES THAT FRANCE RECOGNIZES THE US AS A MAJOR POWER, BUT NEVERTHELESS WISHES TO PURSUE AN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ROLE. HE ADDS THAT IN DEFENSE MATTERS THE US AND EUROPE ARE FIRMLY ALLIED. SAUVAGNARGUES FEELS THAT THE REASON FRANCE IS LEADING EUROPE IS BECAUSE FRANCE IS THE ONLY EUROPEAN COUNTRY WITH A WELL DEFINED FOREIGN POLICY. ON NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT, SAUVAGNARGUES SAYS THAT FRANCE IS OBLIGED TO PROGRESS INDEPENDENTLY OF EUROPE BECAUSE SHE IS MORE ADVANCED IN THIS FIELD. SAUVAGNARGUES IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING ENERGY CONFERENCE AND DOES NOT FEEL THAT THERE WILL BE THE TYPE OF CONFRONTATION THAT EVERYONE IS

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EXPECTING BECAUSE GOOD GROUNDWORK WILL BE LAID IN

ADVANCE. HE SAYS THAT FRANCE MIGHT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH OPEC COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN CERTAIN FAVORS IN THE CASE OF A FUTURE EMBARGO. HE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN KOREA BUT FEELS THAT THE SUPER POWERS WILL BE ABLE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. SAUVAGNARGUES BELIEVES THAT ALTHOUGH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER BEGAN WITH A "REGIONAL CONCEPTION OF EUROPE" CONSIDERING IT A SUB-SYSTEM OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, HE HAS NOW EVOLVED TO THE POINT WHERE HE SEES A POLITICALLY UNIFIED EUROPE AS A "SECOND PILLAR" OF THE WESTERN WHOLE. ON A PERSONAL NOTE HE CLAIMS THAT HIS HEALTH IS GOOD AND THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE WHATSOEVER OF HIS LEAVING HIS JOB IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY, PREVALENT IN THE FRENCH PRESS IN RECENT WEEKS, THAT "PLUTON" TACTICAL NUCLEAR MISSILES MAY HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN THE FRG, SAUVAGNARGUES VIGOROUSLY DENIED THE ASSERTION. HE ADDED THAT NO SUCH PROJECT WAS EVEN ENVISAGED. HIS REMARKS WERE QUALIFIED, HOWEVER, BY HIS STATING THAT PLUTONS COULD BE EMPLOYED IF, FOLLOWING A DECISION ON THE PART OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, THE FRENCH ARMY WERE CALLED TO INTERVENE WITH ALL ITS ARMS (SIC) IN A DEFENSIVE OPERATION ON GERMAN SOIL. THE PLUTON SITUATION WILL BE REPORTED IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

3. POST IS POUCHING COPIES OF THE INTERVIEW TO THE DEPARTMENT.  
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